



USDA Designates 45 North Dakota Counties as Primary Natural Disaster Areas

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This Secretarial natural disaster designation allows the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters through [emergency loans](#). Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation or the refinance of certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

According to the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#), these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

Impacted Area: North Dakota

Triggering Disaster: Drought

Application Deadline: Jan. 26, 2023

Primary Counties Eligible

Adams	Dunn	Kidder	Oliver	Stark
Benson	Eddy	Logan	Pembina	Steele
Billings	Emmons	McHenry	Pierce	Stutsman
Bottineau	Foster	McKenzie	Ramsey	Towner
Bowman	Golden Valley	McLean	Renville	Traill
Burke	Grand Forks	Mercer	Rolette	Walsh

Burleigh	Grant	Morton	Sheridan	Ward
Cavalier	Griggs	Mountrail	Sioux	Wells
Divide	Hettinger	Nelson	Slope	Williams

Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:

North Dakota: Barnes, Cass, LaMoure and McIntosh

Minnesota: Kittson, Marshall, Norman and Polk

Montana: Fallon, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan and Wibaux

South Dakota: Campbell, Corson, Harding and Perkins

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